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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The Restriction Requirement dated April 20, 2007 identifies the following patentably distinct of inventions among the pending claims:

Group	<u>Description</u>
I.	Claims 1-5 drawn to a position detecting appartus based on the position of a first optical element located on or near a pupil plane or a plane conjugate to the pupil plane, classified in class 356, sub clas 614.
II.	Claims 6-10 and 12-13 drawn to a position detecting apparatus based on a correction member, classified in class 356, sublclass 614.
III.	Claims 14 and 15 drawn to a position detecting apparatus based on a polarizer, classified in class 356, subclass 364

In response to this Restriction Requirement, this paper provisionally elects to pursue prosecution of Group I. At least claims 1-5 are believed to be encompassed by that election.

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Should the Restriction Requirement be made final, the right is expressly reserved to present any withdrawn claims in divisional application(s). In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-5274.

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